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Honoring a servant to youth

Birdtown Gym to be re-named honoring Peaches Squirrell

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Birdtown Gym has been re-named for a person synonymous with basketball in the Cherokee community. The building will now be known as the Peaches Squirrell Sports and Recreation Complex.

During its Budget Council session on the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 10, Tribal Council passed Res. No. 473 (2023), submitted by

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Kamiyo Lanning, Cherokee Recreation Program recreation manager, by a unanimous vote.

“I want to say thank you,” Squirrell said following the vote. “It’s such an honor. I love everybody in this community – my mentors before and all of my supporters. Thank you.”

Res. No. 473 states, “Mianna ‘Peaches’ Squirrell has been an employee of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for over 20 years serving the community in the (Cherokee) Recreation Program. She has held positions in the Cherokee Recreation Program as a recreation aide, recreation supervisor, youth sports coordinator; and Peaches has served on the NASA (Native American Sports Association) and NAYO (Native American Youth Organization) Board for over 10 years and is currently serving as the NAYO president.”



Mianna “Peaches” Squirrell, center front row, is shown with Tribal Council on the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 10 following the approval of legislation re-naming Birdtown Gym in her honor. Shown, left to right, are: front row – Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, Wolfstown Rep. Bo Crowe, Squirrell, Tribal Council Chairman Richard French, Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy; middle row – Painttown Rep. Sean Michael Stamper, Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke, Cherokee Co. – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha, Cherokee Co. – Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown; back row – Wolfstown Rep. Andrew Oocumma, Tribal Council Vice Chairman Albert Rose, and Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed. Not pictured – Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe. (Photo courtesy of EBCI Tribal Council)

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Having been a part of the 1995-96 Cherokee Lady Braves 1A State Basketball Championship team, Squirrel has also been head coach of the Cherokee Lady Braves JV basketball team and the Cherokee Middle School Lady Braves basketball team. She has also served as an assistant coach for the Cherokee Lady Braves varsity basketball team.

During discussion on the legislation, Lanning told Council, "We appreciate you giving us the opportunity to change a resolution to honor people while they're alive by re-naming buildings. More often than not, we almost lose people and then you realize how much you appreciate them, how much they impact the lives of the people in their community and the people around them."

She added, "I've only worked with her for four and a half years, and I've seen the impact that Peaches has on the community, has on us and Recreation, and it's something that she will continue to do...she will do anything she can for anybody without ever asking for a 'thank you', never expecting it."

Janelle Rattler, Cherokee Recreation recreation aide and Senior Games coordinator, commented on Squirrel, "It's been a pleasure to not only call her a co-worker but as a friend and a sis-

ter. And, I think it's well-deserved for Peach."

Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley commented, "I want to congratulate Peach. She was an outstanding athlete at Cherokee, and this is a great example of what you can do if you take your athletic ability throughout high school, go on and get your education, and come back and help your people."

Two other Cherokee gymnasiums have been re-named with legislation in recent years, but neither have signage changes. The Woftown Gym was re-named in memory of Donald "Kool-Aide" Queen with the passage of Res. No. 304 (2020) on Oct. 29, 2020, and the Paint-town Gym and Community Center was re-named in memory of Pam Taylor with the passage of Res. No. 291 (2020) on Nov. 12, 2020.

Tribal Council Chairman Richard French spoke to this and noted, "This is the third one we've done, and the names still haven't been put up on the other two. We pass resolutions in here and then, as Miss Tommye (Saunooke) used to say, 'it sits over there and collects dust'. These honors are for people that did something for the youth in the community - Pam, Kool-Aide, Peach - and I think it needs to be carried out asap to put these names on these three gyms for what these people have done for our communities."



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Several cannabis issues discussed in Council session

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Tribal Council addressed several pieces of legislation during its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 12 dealing with the issue of cannabis.

The first one was Ord. No. 461 (2022) which was submitted by Qualla Enterprises, LLC, the tribal entity company running the cannabis business for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Carolyn West, Qualla Enterprises, LLC board chairperson, said the ordinance sought to change Cherokee Code Chapter 17 Section 7.2 on excluded offenses – an offense constituting a felony – and the time frame in which they would

be applied to employment. The current Code stated that 10 years must pass following “any term of probation, incarceration, or supervised release was completed” before it wouldn’t affect a person anymore. Through Ord. No. 461, Qualla Enterprises was seeking to change that to three years.

West noted, “The reason for that is there were individuals that were able to pass the background check and to be employed with the Tribe, but because of the 10-year provision that was in the Code, it was excluding enrolled members from having employment with Qualla Enterprises. Additionally, one of Cherokee’s Core Values is ‘Strong, Individual Character’...we don’t think, as Qualla Enterprise,

we should be a barrier to allowing them to work at our facility.”

Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke made a motion to amend the legislation even further from three years down to no time requirement. “Whenever you get done with probation, you should be done...I would be fine with putting it at zero months – just leaving the requirement that you complete your probation. For it to be three years, we’re extending a probationary period on them on top of what the law set forth for them.”

Forrest Parker, Qualla Enterprises general manager, said, “Often, when people are in a turning point in their life, they may be on probation or in a reflection point, a positive influence on them during

that time is a really good thing. Being able to be employed, to be a part of something bigger than themselves, part of a team in those moments that they’re in recovery or they are working through life are very important. That is the spirit that we submitted this in and intended for.”

He added, “The goal with this is to have a thriving, growing business with a team of folks that this is the place that they want to work forever.”

Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy said she supported the idea and went on to say she would like to see Tribal Council pass legislation requesting that the Cherokee Tribal Court expunge certain crimes relating to cannabis.

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"I just don't think that it's a major crime anymore, and it's really hypocritical for us to say 'we have a cannabis project, but if you ever used it and got caught, you don't qualify'. We want our people to heal."

Rep. McCoy brought up another cannabis-related issue, "To me, medical is one thing. But, I honestly think that a vote like that or a change like that to the project may require a referendum, an initiative. I feel that way because a lot of our people agree with the medicinal. They understand that, but the adult-use has not been so widely accepted just yet. But, to me, that is the people's choice. They got to make the decision on alcohol. Let them make the decision on this, but we need to start the process."

The amendment to take away

the time frame was passed. Rep. Saunooke made the motion to pass, Rep. McCoy seconded the motion, and the ordinance was passed 9-3 with Painttown Reps. Michael Stamper and Dike Sneed and Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe all voting against.

The next piece of legislation was Res. No. 491 (2023), submitted by Tribal Council Chairman Richard French on behalf of Tribal Council, which approved Brooke Coggins, an EBCI tribal member, as appointee to the EBCI Cannabis Control Board. She will serve a four-year term which will expire on Jan. 31, 2027.

Tribal Council previously held a confirmation hearing, as outlined in Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A, on Dec. 13, 2022. Rep. Saunooke made the motion to pass Res. No. 491, and Birdtown

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- Forrest Parker, Qualla Enterprises, LLC general manager

Rep. Boyd Owle seconded the motion. The resolution passed 10-2 with Painttown Reps. Stamper and Sneed voting against.

Res. No. 496 (2023), submitted by Qualla Enterprises was tabled during Thursday's session. The legislation requested the remaining funding for the EBCI Cannabis Project. Tribal Council approved \$10 million for the project in December 2022, and Res. No. 496 would approve the remaining \$52.9 million.

Prior to being tabled, a lengthy discussion was held which centered around the legality of using gaming funds for the project. Cory Blankenship, EBCI Secretary of Treasury, discussed a memo from the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) which prohibits that usage.

He then said the EBCI doesn't have the money to give Qualla Enterprises without being able to use gaming funds. "There is not a reserve of non-gaming money of \$52 million that we could immediately deploy to Qualla Enterprises...if we want to make incremental investments of non-gaming revenues into Qualla Enterprises, then we can do that."

Rep. McCoy said it is imperative to contact NIGC and get a definitive answer as she believes gaming money can be used. "I think when money comes to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, it's our money and when we decide we're going to spend it, we spend it."

She added, "Whenever we're in here, we're spending money – the people's money. But, we're willing to send hundreds of millions of dollars off this Indian land out there into the real world. I get the business, but this is a business and it's ours and right here in our home. It's going to employ our people, and it's going to take care of things that we need taken care of."

Chief Sneed commented, "I fully support cannabis...but, I'll restate what I said last month. We have a fiduciary responsibility to the people and the money of the people. And certainly, in my opinion, this places our gaming operation at risk. Whether we want to say or not, or whether you believe or not, that the NIGC has the ability to take our license or to suspend operations, they absolutely do have that ability. I, for one, am not willing to put that at risk."

West noted it would be prudent to send tribal leaders and lobbyists to meet with NIGC officials to see if the rule can be amended. "In federal Indian policy speak, we're in the self-determination, self-governance era, and this would greatly help our project as long as other tribal projects that are going on across Indian Country. It's not just EBCI; it's other tribes that are being confronted with this issue as well, and I think that this would be another opportunity for the EBCI to lead a coalition to go and speak with the NIGC."



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Tribal Council declines to read Principal Chief's ordinance

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - During the Orders of the Day at the beginning of Thursday's (Jan. 12) Tribal Council session, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed presented a question to the Council.

"I had an ordinance that was submitted on my behalf by the Attorney General. I reached out to the Chairman about this because it was not on the agenda. I was told there was something out of order. I requested information on what was out of order. We received kind

of the generic form from TOP. I can't find anything in its current format that does not comport to the list of requirements when an ordinance is submitted."

The ordinance in question addresses the reporting of boards, committees, and commissions involved with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). The Principal Chief explained that he has been concerned with the actions of some of these entities, and this ordinance would require that each of them report to Executive and the Tribal Council on a quarterly basis, at the minimum.

He brought forward an example, describing a situation with the Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (TABCC)

"There was abuse in the use of, it wasn't even a credit card it was a debit card attached directly to the bank account of the TABCC. The TABCC had spent 76,000 dollars going out to eat over the course of 21 months. I brought this to the attention of the chair and let him know that the options were simple. He could tender his resignation or that I would bring a resolution to have him removed for cause. At that time, he tendered his resignation," said Chief Sneed.

The proposed ordinance would look to get ahead of issues like this with regular reporting to Tribal leadership.

Cherokee Co. - Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha made a move to add the item to the Jan. 12 agenda. Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy was against hearing the ordinance and stated her issues with the ordinance in general.

"We already have a mechanism in place for talking to boards, commissions, and committees. We call them in. It's just that simple. I don't understand. I read [the proposed ordinance], in my opinion it's very confusing. It's not clear cut. Another thing that concerns me is that we take one ordinance and wipe away a dozen of them maybe? I'm just not going to do that. I think it's time for us to call the boards, and the commissions, and the committees in and have a discussion with them on reporting. I do agree with that. But I don't

know that putting all these things up under the Executive office is prudent. Some of these committees, commissions, and boards answer to Council. I think, if nothing else, we can put it on the floor and table it. But I would prefer that we not agree to put it on the floor today at all. And out of respect to the Chairman, they've made a decision."


Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle did not agree with Rep. McCoy and pledge his support for adding the item to the agenda.

"I'm going to have to agree with Adam and the Chief. We appoint these boards; I think it's good to have them come in...I think it's very important that we have these boards come in on a monthly basis. I can't tell you that last time we called a board in to ask questions," said Rep. Owle. Vice Chairperson and Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose pointed to some of the concerns he had with the proposed legislation.

"I know most of you guys haven't seen this. We went through it and, I guess, had some concerns with a lot of it. It's giving the Executive almost complete power over every board right down to he's the only one that can initiate a remove for cause. He appoints, I guess, he'll appoint me and the Chairman's boards for us. Is that what that's saying?"

Chief Sneed answered that question while also trying to address his initial issue.

"No, sir. That's not what it's saying at all. We're debating this thing, and the issue at hand is



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if something is turned in, in the proper format...this is two months in a row I've turned something in in-time and in the proper format. Twice, two months in a row, items I have turned in have not been added to the agenda," said Chief Sneed.

"The whole point of something coming to the floor, when it does come to the floor, is for debate. You're debating it now, saying you disagree with it. Which, you can disagree with it, but that's the point of bringing legislation to the floor...We debate it, and it stands or falls on its own merit. Or you amend it or it dies on the floor or it gets killed."

Rep. Rose asked to speak with Attorney General Michael McConnell for clarification. He asked if this ordinance would change one or multiple other ordinances. McConnell said that he would call it an 'umbrella ordinance', and that would change several.

"To do that, you have to do it ordinance by ordinance. You can't just do one ordinance to change four ordinances, right?" asked Rep. Rose.

"No. There are two ways. When you have this many entities, commissions, boards, etc., they've all been created organically. There has not been consistency among the ordinances that created them. You can go each one and change all those, and we come to you with a big packet and say 'change all these things'. To get the issue in front of Tribal Council for deliberation, we chose this umbrella approach," explained McConnell. "So, the question today is can we present something that will be deemed read and tabled? Tribal Council would not make any substantive vote today regarding the content of it. Our request was to have it hit the floor so that then

we can have further discussions about it," continued the Attorney General.

Rep. McCoy reentered the discussion, arguing for it not to be heard.

"It's not ready for the floor. And again, procedurally, the Chairmans of Tribal Council have made a decision. We are a separate entity from the Executives. Don't let the dog wag the tail. Don't let that happen."

Rep. Wachacha offered rebuttal to this comment, affirming his support for the process.

"I can assure you there's no wagging of the tail here. I'm going to put everything into context after reading this proposed ordinance change. As a former Chairman, I think that any enrolled member deserves the right to know why their legislation hasn't been submitted," said Rep. Wachacha. "There's some stuff I don't agree with. I think it does need discussion on the removal portion of it... but without this getting put on the agenda, it's never going to have the opportunity to through the 25-day reading period for public comment and so the public can come in. Then it'll be read and tabled this month, and then in February we can have discussion on it."

Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe was the last to offer information before the vote to add the ordinance to the agenda.

"Oct. 29, 2020. There was an ordinance passed, and it's the exact thing that the Chief is wanting to do right now. Since 2020, it is for the TCG, TCGE, ALE to start coming in and giving reports to the Chief and Tribal Council quarterly. So, it's already in law. Once the law's passed, it should've already been carried out. Ordinance No. 299," said Rep. Crowe.

The Tribal Council voted on

"I think it's very important that we have these boards come in on a monthly basis. I can't tell you that last time we called a board in to ask questions."

- Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle

the issue, and it failed to pass. The proposed ordinance did not make it to the agenda.

Votes for adding it to the agenda: Rep. Wachacha, Rep. Owle, and Yellowhill Reps. David Wolfe and T.W. Saunooke.

Votes against: Chairperson Richard French, Vice Chairperson Albert Rose, Rep. McCoy, Rep. Crowe, Wolftown Rep. Andrew Oocumma, and Painttown Reps. Dike Sneed and Michael Stamper. The debate continued after the vote.

"Moving forward, how do we change an ordinance then? If we can't submit another to have those changes. How are we going to move forward? I don't know who didn't put it on the agenda," said Rep. Wolfe.

Rep. Rose said that it was both he and Chairperson French.

"There were some concerns we found. If it had been me, I would've had a work session before I submitted it. Then it could hit the floor, be read and tabled, and hit the floor the next month and be passed," said Rep. Rose.

Rep. Wolfe challenged that by saying that is not what is described in Cherokee Code 117-38, 'Legislative reading ordinance; form of ordinances'. Rep. Rose followed that by offering another reason. "He called it an umbrella ordinance. It's an umbrella, but you can't change that many with one."

Rep. Wolfe once again offered rebuttal to Rep. Rose.

"We done it with public health. You were sitting right here. We done it with public health. That changed nearly every chapter in the codebook," argued Rep. Wolfe.

That was the end the initial discussion, but Rep. McCoy questioned the Principal Chief again later in the Council session when he had requested an amendment to Resolution No. 427 (2023). He had raised his hand to speak before the Tribal Council placed a vote on the resolution and was recognized by Chairperson French. However, Tribal Council moved to a vote before his turn to speak. McCoy said that the vote stood.

"You're going to have to amend this next month by following the process we have in place for amending ordinances. By bringing that back in, well it'd be a resolution in this case because we passed it," said Rep. McCoy.

"This is a resolution, and by point of order I was recognized by the Chair to speak. Then Adam [Wachacha] spoke, Carolyn [West] spoke out of order, and then a vote was requested when I was already recognized by the Chair," responded Chief Sneed.

This was resolved when Rep. Wachacha requested that the resolution be brought back to the floor for reconsideration. This was passed unanimously. Tribal Council proceeded to implement the amendments suggested by Principal Chief Sneed, and the resolution was passed as amended.

Tribe to seek North Carolina law changes on state income tax, cannabis issues

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – With the passage of two pieces of legislation during its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 12, Tribal Council has authorized EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) officials to work with North Carolina lawmakers regarding cannabis issues and the state income taxation of EBCI tribal members.

Council passed Res. No. 492 (2023), submitted by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, which states, “...the Tribe and its agents and representatives are authorized

to present appropriate language to the North Carolina General Assembly to further the intent of effectively and efficiently coordinating the administration of medical cannabis laws across the jurisdictions of the State of North Carolina and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.”

In speaking on the legislation, Chief Sneed noted, “As a matter of tribal law (Cherokee Code Sec. 117-50b), before anybody does any work engaging with the state or federal legislature, we have to have permission of the legislative body (Tribal Council) to do so. So, any Tribal Council member, Chief, or

Vice Chief who engages in Raleigh or in D.C., we need essentially marching orders to do so. As this next legislative session in Raleigh gets started and we’re down there doing lobbying work, this just grants us permission to talk to them about medical cannabis and the subsequent North Carolina law that will probably be on the floor during the next General Assembly.”

Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy commented, “I’d like to be in on those discussions when they happen, and I think that this is good legislation and it is time for us to start those discussions.”

She made the motion to pass the legislation. It was seconded by Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle and was passed unanimously by Council. Also passed by Council on Thursday was Res. No. 493 (2023), also submitted by Chief Sneed, which states, “...the Tribe considers it a legislative priority, and supports the drafting and approval of legislation to amend state law in North Carolina, to provide an exemption from state income tax for citizens of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who do not reside on tribal trust lands but who do reside within the ancestral territory of the Tribe, also known as the established service area.”

Information from Res. No. 493 states that around 15 percent of EBCI tribal members live in the

State of North Carolina off of EBCI tribal trust lands.

Chief Sneed commented during discussion on this resolution, “I’m very excited about this piece of legislation. Like the previous piece of legislation that was just on the floor, this is essentially asking permission from Tribal Council to approach the North Carolina General Assembly and also to craft language to have a North Carolina statute passed that would exempt tribal citizens from state income tax for those citizens who reside off of tribal trust lands.”

He added, “Currently, if you live and work on the (Qualla) Boundary, you’re not subject to state income tax. We would ask North Carolina to create an exemption in North Carolina state law that if you’re a citizen of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and you reside in the service area, that you would be exempted from the state income tax. This is asking for permission to engage and to carry that out.”

The five-county service area of the EBCI includes: Cherokee County, Graham County, Jackson County, Swain County, and Haywood County.

Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke made the motion to pass the resolution. Vice Chairman Albert Rose seconded the move, and the legislation passed unanimously.



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McNahon, Jonathan Martin – age 31
Arrested: Jan. 1
Released: Jan. 1
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Duran, Sarah Emily – age 32
Arrested: Jan. 2

Released: Jan. 5
Charges: Public Intoxication, Drinking Alcoholic Beverages in Public Places, Disorderly Conduct, Breaking and Entering, Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public

Fisher, Tyler Austin – age 25
Arrested: Jan. 2
Released: Jan. 2
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Kirkland, Jami Leigh – age 39
Arrested: Jan. 3
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 9)
Charges: Resisting Lawful Arrest

Ledford, Clinton Lee – age 45
Arrested: Jan. 3
Released: Jan. 5
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Oocuumma, Eugene Murray – age 32
Arrested: Jan. 3
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 9)
Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders, Probation Violation

Owl, Joshua Ryan – age 31
Arrested: Jan. 3
Released: Jan. 4
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Panther, James Marlon – age 41
Arrested: Jan. 3
Released: Jan. 4
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Possessing a Controlled Substance, Probation Violation

Driver Jr., Bobby Dean – age 37
Arrested: Jan. 4
Released: Jan. 4
Charges: Simple Assault

Garcia, Jamie Luiz – age 22
Arrested: Jan. 4
Released: Jan. 6
Charges: Probation Violation

Jenkins, Jerry M. – age 52
Arrested: Jan. 4

Released: Jan. 5
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts)

Sherrod, Stanley – age 24
Arrested: Jan. 4
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 9)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Toineeta, Jordan Nicole – age 29
Arrested: Jan. 4
Released: Jan. 5
Charges: Grand Larceny

Cotton, Luppie – age 39
Arrested: Jan. 6
Released: Jan. 6
Charges: Warrant

Crowe, Robert Edward – age 43
Arrested: Jan. 7
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 9)
Charges: Assault Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury, Aggravated Reckless Endangerment, Assault by Strangulation

Driver, Richard McAdoo – age 48
Arrested: Jan. 7
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 9)
Charges: Assault with Deadly Weapon Serious Injury

MISSING PERSON

Dilyla Jacqueline Woodie

Female

Enrolled with Navajo Nation

Age: 16 years

Height: 5' 5"

Weight: 130 lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: January 7, 2023

Location: Phoenix, Arizona

Circumstances of

Disappearance: Dilyla fled from family while at a restaurant in the area of 2501 West Happy Valley Road. Last seen wearing black shirt, black workout pants, and white shoes.

If you have seen Dilyla Woodie, contact Daniel Nonnemacher, Detective, Phoenix Police Department, (602) 262-6151

Source: Namus.gov



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Tribal Council Rep. Bo Crowe arraigned on three felony charges

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Reporter

On the morning of Monday, Jan. 9, Wofltown Tribal Council Rep. Bo Crowe was arraigned on three felony charges following an incident that occurred this past weekend.

Rep. Crowe has been charged with assault inflicting serious bodily injury (In offense of Tribal Code 14-40.54), aggravated reckless endangerment (In offense of Tribal Code 14-40.64), and assault by strangulation (In offense of Tribal Code 14-40.49). The Court applied case numbers 23CR9019, 23CR9020, and 23CR9021 for these charges, respectively.

The incident in question occurred 'at Harrah's Cherokee Resort Hotel' on Friday, Jan. 6. The criminal complaint provided by Cherokee Court, alleges that 'the defendant unlawfully assaulted Jason Matthew Burleson and inflicted serious bodily injury by creating a substantial risk of death. On the date and time of the offense, the defendant did assault the victim by striking the victim about the body and by placing his arm around the victim's neck and squeezing, causing the victim to lose consciousness.'

Rep. Crowe was arrested on Saturday, Jan. 7 after a warrant was filed. He was detained at the Anthony Lossiah Justice Center over the weekend until his arraignment hearing on Monday. He was called into the criminal court room

just after 9:30 a.m. wearing chains and an EBCI Detention striped jumpsuit.

Judge Barbara Parker placed a plea of 'not guilty' until Rep. Crowe could speak with his attorney and gave him a \$5,000 unsecured bond. She then signed an order allowing for his release. Rep. Crowe indicated to the Court that he had retained his own legal counsel and did not need a court-appointed attorney.

Lead Tribal Prosecutor Cody White said in his statement to the Court that they would be requesting a 'no contact order' for Rep. Crowe to Jason Matthew Burleson, who has a physical address listed in Knoxville, Tenn.

The following are the potential punishments for the code violations listed:

Assault inflicting serious bodily injury – "Unless a person's conduct is covered under some other provision of law providing greater punishment, assault inflicting serious bodily injury shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$500.00 and not more than \$15,000.00, by a term of imprisonment of not less than 45 days and not more than three years, exclusion for a period of not less than one year nor more than 15 years; or any combination of them."

Aggravated reckless endangerment – "Shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00, by a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year, or both. Reckless endangerment shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00, by a term of imprisonment not to exceed six months, or both."

Assault by strangulation – "Unless a person's conduct is covered under some other provision of law providing greater punishment, assault by strangulation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed

\$5,000.00, by a term of imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than three years, and by exclusion for a period of not less than one year nor more than ten years."

White and Judge Parker established the date of the next criminal court hearing to take place on Wednesday, April 5. White said that he will be needing to contact Rep. Crowe's attorney, whose name was not known at the time of the arraignment. White said that this date would be necessary before moving into pre-trial hearings, and that any other matters involving this case could be heard earlier if necessary.

Rep. Bo Crowe addresses Tribal Council after arrest

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Reporter

During the early portion of Budget Council on Tuesday, Jan. 10, Wofltown Rep. Bo Crowe approached the podium to address the Tribal Council and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

"Good morning, everybody. I know this is going to be tough," said Rep. Crowe before reading from a speech that he had prepared.

"Most of you know me, but for those of you that don't – I'm Bo Crowe, Representative of the Wofltown and Big Y Community. Last Friday evening of January 6 I was involved in an incident at the Harrah's Cherokee parking area. As a result of that incident, I have appeared before a Tribal judge in Cherokee Tribal Court on three separate charges. I have also

notified the Ethics Committee of the same incident. I have obtained the service of an attorney. As an elected and a servant of the Wofltown and Big Y Community, I must place my faith in the tribal process. This includes having faith as a sovereign nation and the wisdom of the mercy of the Cherokee Tribal Court. I stand accountable for my actions, and I do so without regret. I will not be resigning my position as Wofltown/Big Y Tribal Council Representative, and under our laws I am innocent until proven guilty. Thank you for your time. I will not entertain any further questions from the media or the general public at this time, as we have Tribal legislative business to continue."

Before stepping back up to seat around the horseshoe, Rep. Crowe did make one request.

"Chairman, I'd like to see if you would allow my niece to get up and speak," Rep. Crowe asked on Tribal Council Chairperson Richard French.

Chairperson French accepted the request, and Rep. Crowe's niece stepped up to the podium and began with 'MMIW, a harsh reality.'

As soon as she began, Chairperson French stopped her and called upon Snowbird - Cherokee Co. Rep. Adam Wachacha, who had raised his hand to speak.

"I apologize but would this be the right forum to have a discussion on anything that's pending in Court?" asked Rep. Wachacha. "I know with anything else we bring before this body that we don't refer to the incident because it could have some type of effect on the case. That's the one thing I don't want to have involved here, because I know it's a case pending against a colleague of ours. And I know it has other enrolled mem-

bers that were involved. Truth be known that this goes out to the world. Every session that we have. That would just be my request. I don't know if that's something that the Attorney General needs to comment on."

Chairperson French then called upon EBCI Attorney General Michael McConnell to share his perspective.

"I recommend that Tribal Council limit its business to the Budget Council business that's on the agenda," said McConnell.

Rep. Crowe followed this statement with another request.

"Chairman I would like to go off air, so it won't be going out to the public and let her read it to the ones that's in attendance and audience."

Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy supported this move, stating that she felt it would be important to allow Rep. Crowe's niece to speak.

"Mr. Chairman, this young lady is a member of this Tribe and she's got something that she wants to address Council with, I recommend we listen to her. If it requires us to go off the air to do it, so be it. It might even be more comfortable to her and those of us in the room. I do understand exactly what Mr. Wachacha is bringing to your attention. Anything that you say in here today becomes public record. Any attorney out there can pick that apart. I hope that you don't mind. I would love to hear what you have to say, and I think the people here would to. So, at this time, Mr. Chairman, I request that we cut the cameras and listen to this young lady," said Rep. McCoy.

The Tribal Council voted to turn off the cameras and to move into a closed session at 9:00 a.m. They returned to an open session at 9:44 a.m. and made no com-

ment on the closed session. Budget Council business continued from there.

The scenes from Tuesday morning come after Rep. Crowe was arraigned in Cherokee Court on Monday, Jan. 9. He has been charged with assault inflicting serious bodily injury (In offense of Tribal Code 14-40.54), aggravated reckless endangerment (In offense of Tribal Code 14-40.64), and assault by strangulation (In offense of Tribal Code 14-40.49). The Court applied case numbers 23CR9019, 23CR9020, and 23CR9021 for these charges, respectively.

Rep. Crowe was arrested on Saturday, Jan. 7 after a warrant was filed and he was detained over the weekend. He was released on an unsecured bond following his arraignment. A report on the Jan. 9 court proceedings has already been published.

It should be noted the defendant has only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The One Feather has reached out to Rep. Crowe for comment but has not received a response at this time.

Former Tribal Council Rep. Bill Taylor accepts plea bargain

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Reporter

Former Tribal Council Wolf-town Rep. Dennis 'Bill' Taylor has pled guilty to two of the four charges presented to him from Cherokee Court, with the remain-

ing two being dismissed 'pursuant to plea agreement' by the Tribal Prosecutors.

This was the first piece of business that was handled at Cherokee Court on the morning of Monday, Jan. 9. This was set to be the first day of the bench trial for Taylor's case, but the parties said that they had worked extensively leading up to this date to find a resolution prior to trial.

The case in question regards an incident that occurred on Oct. 6, 2022, leading to Taylor's arrest the following day. He was released following an arraignment hearing on Oct. 10 and has been present at multiple court dates since.

Before Taylor offered his guilty plea, Lead Tribal Prosecutor Cody White explained to the Court that they would be amending the charge of 'impaired driving' with a charge for 'reckless driving'. He stated that this was because of confusion in obtaining the blood-alcohol sample from Cherokee Indian Hospital. After discussion with a hired expert, White said that the logistics of using the provided reading as evidence would be too convoluted to use in a trial setting. He said that they were having difficulty with who drew the sample, as well as having issues with the timing of the test.

Taylor gave a plea of 'guilty' to this charge of reckless driving a violation of Cherokee Code 20-140, as well as for reckless endangerment, a violation of Cherokee Code 14-40.64. These were file numbers 22CR9890 and 22CR9855, respectively.

The other two charges were dismissed pursuant to plea agreement. These were for domestic violence (Cherokee Code 14-40.1) and assault with a deadly weapon (Cherokee Code 14-40.55), 22CR9853 and 22CR9854, respec-

tively.

Judge Barbara Parker sentenced Taylor to a 90-day suspended imprisonment and a 12-month supervised probation. He will also be required to wear a Continuous Alcohol Monitoring (CAM) device as part of the sentence. The probation states that Taylor will be supervised 'until all incarceration is served and Special Conditions of Probation and Monetary Conditions listed below are met, then Probation will be unsupervised for the remainder of the term.'

These additional conditions involved court costs of \$190, paying of a probation fee, and completing a court-ordered batterer's treatment course that is approximately 20 weeks long, according to Taylor's attorney Leo Phillips.

Phillips told the Court that his client has actively been seeking multiple forms of treatment since the incident occurred in October of last year. This includes attending several different 'alcohol anonymous' groups, personal and couple's counseling, and being reviewed for batterer's treatment at Analenisgi.

He continued by stating that the family has worked with Taylor to find and push forward with treatment. Phillips and White said that the victim and the family have consistently cooperated to assist in finding a resolution.

Taylor's case has been resolved for the time-being, dependent upon successful completion of his probation sentence.

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BASKETBALL

Cherokee vs Nantahala - Tuesday, Jan. 10

Photos by Jonah Lossiah/One Feather Reporter

Cherokee Lady Braves 90 Nantahala Lady Hawks 10

The Cherokee Lady Braves hosted the Nantahala Lady Hawks at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 10.



Freshman guard Dvdaya Swimmer scoops a layup for two points.



Senior center Kamia Wiggins boxes out on the block.

Cherokee Braves 82 Nantahala Hawks 33

The Cherokee Braves hosted the Nantahala Hawks at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 10.



Sophomore Josiah Teesateskie soars for a bucket.



Sophomore Savian Davis weaves through traffic and extends for two.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Museum of the Cherokee Indian announces Winter Lecture Series

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Museum of the Cherokee Indian (MCI) will host its 2023 Winter Lecture Series during January, February, and March 2023. Titled "Our Voices, Amplified: Indigenous Artistry Today," the series includes both on-site and virtual lecture and workshop opportunities that introduce audiences to innovative and inspiring artists from tribes across the country.

"The Winter Lecture Series takes a closer look at contemporary Indigenous arts and how artists are using their mediums to amplify their voices," says Jenn Wilson (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), Aniyvviyahi Community Program Coordinator at

the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. "Be it as activism, a push for cultural welding, or to tell stories, this series will feature artists from different backgrounds who are using different mediums to show what Indigenous art can be and mean today."

All Winter Lecture Series events are offered free of charge. Space is limited, and attendees may register for each panel via the links in the schedule below. Additional information can be found at mci.org/learn/ programming. All recorded Lecture Series events will be uploaded to the Museum's YouTube channel.

Art As Activism: How Indigenous Artists Use Their Mediums to Amplify Their Voices

Jan. 18 at 5 p.m., Virtual
Fawn Douglas (Las Vegas Paiute Tribe) of Nuwu Art, a Las Vegas-based community hub where

families, friends and allies gather to enjoy the cultural arts, will discuss how art can be a valid and powerful form of activism for bringing attention to Indigenous people and the issues that affect them today.

Workshop: Beginner Pottery Class with Lori Reed

Jan. 26 and 27 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Museum of the Cherokee Indian
Learn how to make a beginner's level pinch pot with accomplished potter Lori Reed (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians)! Participants will make at least one pot that will be kiln-fired for preservation. Pieces will be ready for pickup the Monday after classes. A Community Learning workshop, this class is open exclusively to enrolled citizens of federally recognized tribes; space is limited.

Maker Monday

Jan. 9 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Museum of the Cherokee Indian
Watch Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians artists demonstrate their artistic processes and showcase their work in the Museum lobby. Participating artists will have works for sale.

Our Voices, Our Identity

Feb. 15 at 5 p.m., Virtual
Afro-Indigenous artists join a panel to discuss their experiences and how their identity informs their art. Speakers to be announced.

Maker Monday

Feb. 6 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Museum of the Cherokee Indians
Watch Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians artists demonstrate their artistic processes and showcase

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their work in the Museum lobby. Participating artists will have works for sale.

Beaded Graduation Cap Class

March 13 and 14, Museum of the Cherokee Indians

Jennifer Wilson (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) will guide participants in making their very own beaded graduation cap. This class is open to enrolled citizens of federally recognized tribes. Registration link to come.

Our Own Words: Storytelling is a Journey

March 8 at 5 p.m., Virtual
Indigenous authors come together to share the stories they tell, their journey to being published, and how their cultural identity influences their craft and experiences. Speakers to be announced. Register here.

Maker Monday

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- Museum of the Cherokee Indian
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THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

Dear Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund,

I have officially completed my first semester in the Professional MBA program at the University of Tennessee Knoxville. The amount of knowledge that has been given to us has been a bit overwhelming, but I am thankful for the help provided by EBCI Higher Education and the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund. Our classes have been very infor-

mative in shaping the way we think about business, and the interconnectedness of the economy. We have even been able to look at the effects it has on Cherokee that we might not otherwise think about which have proved very interesting.

The Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Funds have helped me tremendously in getting a reliable vehicle to go back and forth to Knoxville every weekend. And I have recently closed on a house in Franklin, North Carolina, and the funds I received this semester were used to help furnish my new home.

I would like to thank everyone who has a part in helping with this scholarship. This scholarship has personally helped me with new purchases in this new phase of life I am going through. The funds this scholarship provides has been a blessing to me and helped alleviate the increase in life expenses I have incurred. I am truly grateful for the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund and all who help with it.

Thank you,
Cruz Galaviz

Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund for selecting me as a recipient for the Spring 2023 semester. I am honored to have this opportunity that will give me additional assistance as I continue my education at N.C. State University where I will earn my Masters in Physiology during the Summer of 2023. This program consists of intensive physiology, microbiology, genetics, and biochemistry courses for students in pursuit of professional school in healthcare to prepare us for our desired careers. Shortly after completing my graduate program, I will be moving to Greenville, NC to start dental school

at East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine as a member of the Class of 2027. Yogi Crowe will be playing a significant role in aiding me as I achieve my dreams of becoming a dentist. My hope is to make dental medicine more accessible while educating patients on the importance of lifelong oral health, especially in rural and underserved areas. The Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund is led by a committee of strong, Indigenous women supporting the goals of our tribal members, and I am excited to become a part of this legacy to help future students as they will help me.

Sgi!

Madisyn French

Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship
Shiyo,

I am Jessica Rose Lambert of the Birdtown Community and a full-time senior doctoral student at NC State University College of Veterinary Medicine. I am the daughter of Kimlyn Sneed Lambert and the late Douglas Lambert. I want to say thank you to the Yogi Crowe Scholarship Fund for the recent scholarship award that I received and their financial assistance over the last four years. I appreciate it so much.

It has been my lifelong ambition to be a veterinarian after growing up in the Adam's Creek Section of Birdtown on my grandfather Joe Lambert, Jr's farm. As a young child, I helped provide care to many animals on his farm including goats, chickens, rabbits, dogs, cats, horses and whatever else came along.

As I am anxiously awaiting graduation in May of 2023, I am currently doing clinical rotations which include surgery, oncology, general medicine, pathology, ophthalmology, etc. I have done externships at the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine and Auburn University

College of Veterinary Medicine in clinical pathology and attended two Veterinary Conferences this past year in Houston, TX and Boston, MA. I am currently passionate about pathology and studying various disease processes and am especially interested in those that effect equines (horses). I am excited about my future career prospects.

The Yogi Crowe Scholarship has been a huge help for students like me that travel so far away from home and that have expenses that other funding does not cover. I very much appreciate the help that I have received from the Yogi Crowe Scholarship fund.

Sgi,

Jessica Rose Lambert,
NCSU DVM class of 2023

Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

Dear Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship,

I have completed the first half of my journey toward my MBA from WCU. It has been a tough year balancing family, work, and school. I understand now what folks mean when they say obtaining a master's is hard. The knowledge I have gained is already helping me in my professional life, which is the ultimate goal. I have identified so far in the curriculum that I have utilized most of the subject matter I am learning in my career. What has been intriguing is learning the theory and language behind the subject matter, which has sharpened my skill set.

I am happy to report that I have earned a 4.0 GPA for the year. Many people tell me that no employer asks about your grades afterward, just that you have the paper. My immediate response is always, "I CARE," pride can be an ally if used correctly. The help from the Yogi Crowe organization has been pivotal in

achieving this standing. I also want to take a moment and thank my wife, Brandi. Her support is invaluable as she has picked up the slack I have created in this journey. Her support, my family, and the Yogi Crowe organization are making this journey manageable. That is all I can ask for.

Sincerely,
Cameron Cooper

Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

This is the first time I have put in a request for the Richard "Yogi" Crowe scholarship. As we live and work daily, we may not be aware or may just overlook all that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has to offer members of the community. We truly are a giving and caring community when it comes to helping those in need. By having

the Richard "Yogi" Crowe scholarship we can build people to become self-sustaining and continue to help our overall community grow. I am eternally grateful for the purpose of this program and what it has done to assist in the growth and development of our Tribal members. Thank you for helping Native Americans in North Carolina further their education and change statistics. With the help of the Richard "Yogi" Crowe scholarship, we can grow together for a better future. Being a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has influenced me on what we do as a people and how furthering our education can impact the community in a positive way. If you are on the path to furthering your education, check out www.yogicrowescholarship.org and <https://ebcihighered.com/>. I encourage you to take the leap!

Thank you,
Sabrina S. Arch

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reward offered in Cherokee elk-poaching case

The EBCI Natural Resources Department is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and filing of charges against the person, or persons, responsible for shooting an elk calf on the Qualla Boundary. On the morning of Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022, EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement staff responded to a citizen report of an elk calf at Tsali Manor (55 Echota Church Rd.) that had been shot with an arrow. If anyone has information about the case, please contact EBCI Dispatch (828) 497-4131. Caller information will remain anonymous.

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Senior Citizens Heating Assistance program

Applications for the 2023 heating season are now available at Tsali Manor. Applications will be available Monday through Friday after 1 p.m. each day, and they can be returned Monday through Friday after 1 p.m. each day.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2023.

If you are or will be 59 1/2 by March 31, 2023, you are eligible for services upon turning 59 1/2. If you are applying for Electric Heating Assistance, please attach a current billing statement. If you do not use the contract companies, it is your and your company's responsibility to get your delivery invoices to the Assistance program as soon as possible. This year's heating season will end on April 30, 2023.

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- Tsali Manor

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Jack Montgomery – Medal of Honor

Jack Cleveland Montgomery, a Cherokee Nation citizen born in Long, Okla. on July 23, 1917, received the Medal of Honor for heroic actions as part of the 45th Infantry Division on Feb. 22, 1944 near Padiglione, Italy. His Medal of Honor citation reads in part, "His fearless, aggressive, and intrepid actions that morning accounted for a total of 11 enemy dead, 32 prisoners, and an unknown number of wounded. That night, while aiding an adjacent unit to repulse a counterattack, he was struck by mortar fragments and seriously wounded. The selflessness and courage exhibited by 1st Lt. Montgomery in alone attacking three strong enemy positions inspired his men to a degree beyond estimation."

He passed way on June 11, 2022 in Muskogee, Okla. at the age of 84.
Source: Congressional Medal of Honor Society

OBITUARIES Jh̄h̄r

Mia Faye Lambert

Mia Faye Lambert, age 50 of the Birdtown Community, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023. Mia Faye was born on Jan. 12, 1972 to the late Rev. Thomas Herman Lambert and Marilyn Goforth Lambert.

She was the granddaughter of the late Herman and Amanda George Lambert and the late Arthur and Lena Murphy Goforth. She was preceded in death by brothers, Tommy L. Lambert, Mark T. Lambert; sister, Florence L. Bradley; and niece, Nickole Bradley.

She is survived by brothers, James Henry (Jim) Lambert (Julie) and John Carson Lambert (Deb). Many nieces and nephews; special niece, Nicki Bradley;

special cousin, Pamela Lambert Squirrel; and many other relatives and friends also survive.

Mia Faye graduated from Cherokee High School in 1992 and attended Vocational Opportunities of Cherokee day program until last year. She was loved by all the staff and clients: Robert, Dennis, Gil, Sheena, Emily, Alyssa, Thomas, Jimmy, Nathan, Will, and others, and the staff: Kimlyn Lambert, Latonna Plummer, Magda Sanders, Walania Shell, and others, and especially the late Lana Jo Lambert. While at VOC, she was lovingly cared for. She loved Hello Kitty, word search puzzles, and to draw and color pictures and would carry her tote bag filled with all her treasures every day.

She was especially fond of having her nails done and going shopping and out to eat. She

participated in Special Olympics where she won many medals and made many friends over the years. And, she loved her pet dogs. Mia Faye was born with Down Syndrome and lived a wonderful and extraordinary life. She was a tiny, loving, forever young lady, an inspiration to every life she touched. Her smile and laughter would fill the room with joy and light. Her love was given unconditionally to all those she met. She will be forever in our hearts. The family would like to thank the staff and especially Ellen Finger of Tsali Care Center for the excellent care that Mia Fay received and thank you to the Cherokee Indian Hospital for the great care they provided her and the family in her last days.

A visitation was held at Long House Funeral Home in the Chapel on Friday, Jan. 13 with the service immediately following. Pallbearers were Justin Lambert, Joe Lambert, Steven Lambert, Stephen Blankenship, Mike Lambert, and Jake Lambert, with honorary pallbearers Kodi and Ty Bradley. Final resting place is at Birdtown Cemetery.

Oliver Otter Jr.

Oliver Otter Jr., also known as “Junebug”, age 53, made his final journey on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023. He is the son of the late Oliver Otter Sr. and Nannie Standingdeer Otter.

Oliver is survived by his sister,

Mary Littledave; five grandchildren, Lukas, Sami, Maiya, Rachel, and Sakira; special companion, Agnes Welch; nephews, Kristopher Otter, Howard, Ricky and Terry; niece, Sharon; cousin, Lee Standingdeer; sister-in-law, Lewana Otter and Buddy; and Delmar Niccum.

In addition to his parents, Oliver was preceded in death by his son, Joseph Lee Otter; brother, Allen Otter; and sister, Martha St. Clair.

A formal funeral service was held on Monday, Jan. 16 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home with Scott Chekelelee officiating.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Mark Phillips Parker

Mark Phillips Parker, age 66, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023. He is the son of the late Sara Jane (Queen) Parker.

Mark was a peaceful person. He didn't have much family, but he had many friends in the Cherokee area. Mark was a skilled craftsman and silversmith. He often sold his work to local craft shops and passersby. He will be missed by his peers and community.

A direct burial was held Saturday, Jan. 14 in the Blythe Cemetery.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of the services.

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* Words provided by Kituwah Education & Preservation Program

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THE GOOD STUFF

While attending the Cherokee Choices Open House on Tuesday, Jan. 10, Robin Swayney, right, won a door prize gift card which was presented by Robin Bailey-Callahan, Cherokee Choices program director. (DAWN ARNEACH/One Feather photo)



Valentine's Day cards for Aniyah

Barbara Waldroup, left, and Cyndi Lambert stand in front of a collection box at Cherokee Food Lion for Valentine's Day cards being collected for Aniyah Sampson. In all, Lambert has distributed eight boxes around Cherokee where people can drop off a card for Aniyah including: Cherokee Food Lion, Cherokee Post Office, United Community Bank, First Citizens Bank, Mountain Federal Credit Union, and all three Cherokee Central Schools (elementary, middle, and high school). Also, if anyone would like to mail Aniyah a card, her mailing address is P.O. Box 2408, Cherokee, NC 28719. (Photo contributed)



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- Session 1: June 11-16
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- Session 4: July 9-14
- Session 5: July 16-21
- Session 6: July 23-28
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- Session 8: Aug. 6-11



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COMMENTARY

Fueling the fire

By ROBERT JUMPER

One Feather Editor

There is a law on the books (the “books” being our Cherokee Code) that allows Tribal Council to shut off the cameras, streaming, and video feeds so that things can be said in the Chambers that are not seen nor heard by the “rest of the world” including our own tribal communities and tribal members who may be too far away or too busy to sit in Chambers to be provided explanation and information relevant to our

people. The One Feather has been informed that those sessions are still “public meetings” and may be documented, but in most cases, we are instructed that these “off-air” discussions are indeed closed and not for public consumption.

The difference in going into closed session and moving to “turn the cameras off” while remaining in open session is that in “cameras off open sessions” business may continue to be conducted, even to the point of taking a vote without anyone seeing or hearing the debate or vote when they are in “open session” with the cameras off. During closed session, the Tribal Council may discuss an issue but must move out of closed session into public session to cast votes and approve legislation. This is a really strange loophole in the

law that allows the Tribal Council to go into a basically private session without going into closed session.

Many of us in the Tribe have jobs. Many are in-home, or living assist, or some other facility where it is impractical or impossible to come out to Tribal Council sessions at the Council House. When technology and tribal convention met with modern communications, it allowed the governed the opportunity to participate and to be knowledgeable without depending on secondhand representations of the working of the government. We may now see in real time, the legislative processes and decisions that affect the everyday lives of our people. It has become a key piece of our culture, and I believe what little engagement

we, the governed, have with our governors comes from that new technological ability to know what is going on with our tribal government.

Current law states that the video archive of our Tribal Council sessions that you will find at ebc1.com are not official records of our Tribe and that Tribal Council sessions are documented in some form of minute taking. Back in the day, the Tribal Council used stenographers like in a courtroom to document the legislative decisions of our Tribe. I think the Business Committee still engages the services of a stenographer. And yet the most effective, accurate documentation comes from the “tale of the tape”. With a copy of the video, we see the bulk of the process leading to the adoption of

BECOME AN ETHICS ADVOCATE



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CHEROKEE NATION

The Office of Internal Audit and Ethics is seeking individuals to serve as Ethics Advocates to assist in the enforcement and compliance of the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Tribal Officials.

An Ethics Advocate will be an at-large member of each community selected to serve as part of the Ethics Review Committee. The duties of an Ethics Advocate are as follows:

- Review policies and procedures for the Ethics Program.
- Review results of investigations and help prepare & approve findings of fact.
- Assist with the preparation of a quarterly report for the Audit & Ethics Committee on the activity of the Ethics Program.

- Review potential Ethics and compliance issues and their resolution.
- Authorize and conduct investigations when warranted.
- Present finding of fact to the Audit and Ethics Committee for final decision and action on complaints.

Minimum Requirements for Ethics Advocates are as follows:

- Must be an enrolled member of the EBC1 & reside on trust lands in one of the six Tribal Townships
- Must be at least 22 years of age or older
- Must have a Bachelor's Degree or higher, J.D preferred
- Cannot be a Tribal Official as defined by Cherokee Code 117-45.1(a)(1)
- Cannot have any pending criminal charges or any felony convictions

Applications may be obtained by visiting the Office of Internal Audit and Ethics or our website: <https://oia.ebci-nsn.gov>

Applications may be submitted to: oia@ebci-nsn.gov

For more information call (828) 359-7030

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our living laws. We see the legislation read. We see the debate and discussion; we see the hands raised in ascension or descension. We see our community members stand at the podium and speak to those who represent them.

Surely there are some challenges to televised or streamed sessions. Human nature is to make your case to win the day and sometimes that leads to some high drama in the Chambers. Again, the tendency of those passionate about issues is to accentuate the positive aspects of their position while downplaying any negatives. As in a courtroom, motivations must be evaluated equally with actions. And when you have passionate advocates at opposite ends of an issue, the urge to play to the camera is hard to resist, because those in front of it know that the key to winning or acceptance of their position largely depends on the buy-in of a large enough constituency to impact a popular vote. Strong leadership in the Chambers is essential to effectively moderate and control any theatrics.

Gossip and rumor can destroy a person, a system, or a government. In fact, it is the ruination of our world. Some do it unaware that they are doing anything wrong. They want to educate the world as soon as they can with whatever information they have, right or wrong. Media outlets even participate in it by taking third and fourth-hand accounts of an

incident and releasing them in the same breath as a substantiated fact. That is what most gossip is. Some are like scientists who take a little bit of material, put it in a petri dish with growth medium (food for the material), and nurture it until it turns into a virus and overgrows the dish. A rumor or gossip spreads like a virus, infecting anyone who has not educated and protected themselves with either the sifted version of what is being said or has learned the difference between factual report and embellished fiction.

I know that it is not possible for our government, particularly our law enforcement and court, to release every detail of an incident. They are charged with protecting the integrity of information and evidence. I also feel that some in our government may be so inexperienced, uneducated, or disinterested in providing information that they simply fail to release or respond to requests for information. And in the absence of fact, the community will hear and accept fiction. On a regular basis, you will find statements from people in our community on social media who have a bit or piece of something that happened in our community. Since they only have a limited view or slice of the information, they embellish what they have and post it all as factual. Someone will get that information, that has already been embellished, and add their own spin to the story

and post it once again as a factual account. As you may already see, once this bit of fact goes through several storytellers, the story itself will mostly be made up of several different people's opinions and may not resemble at all what actually happened or the bit of fact.

We have become so accustomed to accepting posts as fact that news organizations will, for lack of credible official sources, resort to scouring social media to find bits of information on an incident or situation, sometimes using personal social media posts as factual resources. And it is true that many of our tribal programs and entities have all but abandoned the practice of issuing press releases for the practice of posting their information to their social media accounts, further confusing an already confused population. After all, who would you trust to give you the right and true story, a unknown administrator on a social media page or your personal Facebook friend? Surely my old school buddy or favorite, twice removed family member would be more reliable than a generic program social media page.

So, wherever possible, I ask that our government be as transparent as possible. Our Tribal Council should have the tools they need to conduct business and provide security for our nation. Cherokee Code 117-13 (a) and (b) do that. Subsection (a) provides the framework for open meetings

of our Council. Subsection (b) provides guidelines for entering into closed or executive sessions. Subsection (c) however says that "The Tribal Council may discuss issues in open session without public broadcast over the Tribal televisions system or other broadcast system if it determines that prohibiting the broadcast is in the best interest of the Tribe or an individual member of the Tribe."

This type of broad brush language could mean that almost anything could be held from public view as no specific reason is required nor procedural protocol met in order for the cameras to be turned off. That would mean that even votes could be taken with the cameras off because the Council would technically still be in open session.

We should not be okay with information vacuums. We should not accept being told that we cannot know information because it is for our own good. All our elected officials campaigned on accountability and transparency. Ask them to help our community to be knowledgeable as much as possible. Video records should be official records of our tribe and should be documenting every session that is not a closed session under 117-13(b). The fire of misinformation is fueled by silence from our government. As many of our community members as can be, should be educated and informed on the issues that affect their lives.



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SPEAKING OF FAITH

The Promises of God Are Kept, “Yes and Amen”

By **REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON,**
PASTOR

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)
Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read: Isaiah 46:9-10; Genesis 22:1-19; Genesis 15:4; Hebrews 11:8-19

We’ve found out that Abraham, when he first spoke to God, learned that not every time God speaks or answers us, will we always want to hear them or even be happy with His answers the first time we hear them. We should see the answers are, however, for our own best results which may come if we can fully trust Him, rely on Him.

However, “Father Knows Best” is not just a saying, either. When a person respectfully or even in great need, asks God to “Speak to me, Lord...” we should always be careful to remember how much He loves us and come fully awake to understand He is also our Supernatural Help, our God. His Thoughts, each one of them, are given us with the best answer He has for each one of us. He is the One who is Sovereign, and knows all of our past, present, and good answers concerning our futures. He knows us well.”

The answers may not always be exactly what a person wants to hear, but it’s better to remember He is more like a Parent Who “cares so deeply for the seeking person who also is still growing and getting to know Him. It is never too late to change our thinking or our ways.” He does know us and sees our real futures, too, so it is always good to be hope-filled

and perhaps what’s best is to ask for a good supply of His Wisdom, to listen to Him and then heed, accepting and searching for how best to apply His answers to our situations.

“Here’s what He said to Abraham. God said to His friend, “Take your son, your only son, the son whom you love, and offer him to Me as a burnt offering.” The problem for Abraham was that he was an old man now, 100-years-old, when he and his wife Sarah, herself 90 years-old, had birthed Isaac. Isaac was the only son of a Promise. The Promise had been made by God to Abraham and found in Genesis 15:4-6 and He was now telling Abraham, in effect, He wanted the Promise back.

“What an amazing group of events had transpired then, on that day, because Abraham, the Bible says, immediately, when God

spoke, saying, “Here, I am. You don’t have to look any further. I’m not hiding from You when You speak. I’m right here.”

God asked His friend, one of the hardest things that he could ever have been asked to do. The Bible says in verse 3, Abraham got up early. He didn’t lay there in the bed, and he didn’t wait on other things to happen. He didn’t try to procrastinate at all. He just got up and said to the young men with him, “Here’s what we’re going to do...”. He grabbed the saddle and the wood, and two helpers, and told them they were all going towards a mountain in a place called Moriah, and that’s what they did, early that day.

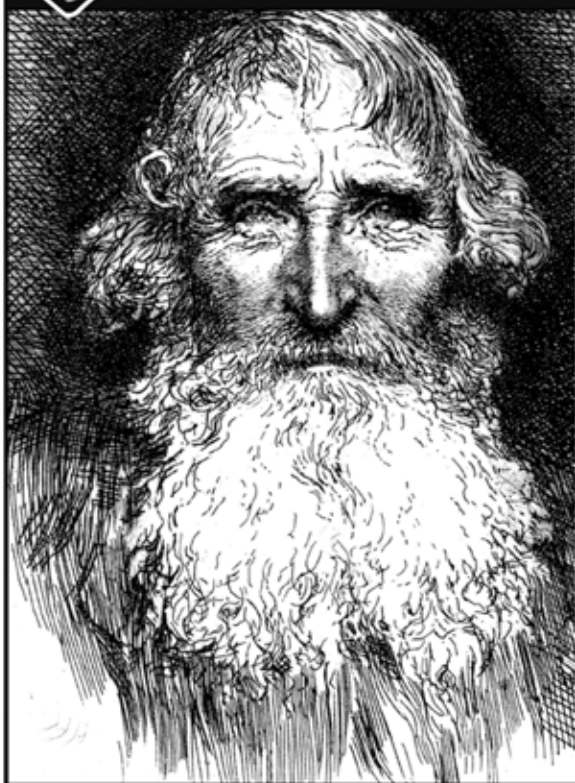
Abraham said to our Covenant-keeping God, “If that’s where You’re going to be, then that’s where I’m going to be.” So, he took off in that direction. When

they arrived at the place, the Bible says Abraham looked at the young men and said, “You two stay here, and the boy, My Promise, we will have to go to the top and worship. “Whatever God wants and whatever He asks for, I’m going to make sure that He has whatever He has asked for, because it all belongs to Him anyway.”


“When I read in Hebrews 11, I found out Abraham was one of the Fathers of our Faith. What does it mean? When he heard the Promise of the Lord, regardless of what it looked like, he knew His Promise was sure. I’m here to tell you today, if it looks like God has forgotten something, or like it fell through the cracks, His Promises to you are still “Yes and Amen.” They are still as sure as the day He said them. It cannot come back to Him until it has accomplished what He sent it out to do.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



O God, You have taught me from my youth, and I still declare Your wondrous deeds. And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to this generation, your power to all who are to come.

PSALM 71: 17, 18 

*Detail of “Bearded Man”
by Hubert von Herkomer (1849-1914)*

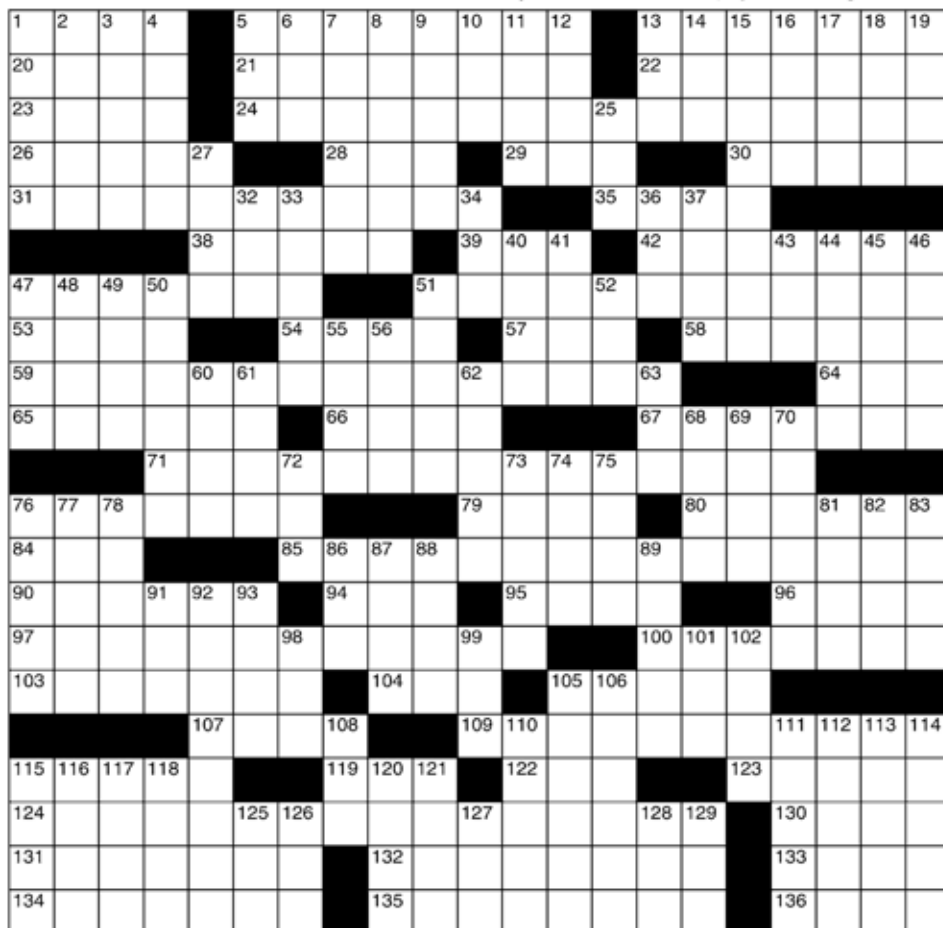
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ACROSS

- 1 Doorway part
5 Mix for a deli sandwich
13 Snooty sort
20 River in Europe and Asia
21 Long, bitter speech
22 Popular hot sauce brand
23 Calif-length skirt
24 Navigable sea route in southern Chile
26 Hayloft sites
28 Home to Boise: Abbr.
29 Extra game periods, for short
30 Distrustful
31 Designer for Jackie Kennedy
35 1958 Leslie Caron film
38 Head dog
39 — tai (drink)
42 Really must
47 Tag again
51 One mapping terrain
53 In excess of
54 "Woe —!"
57 Prefix with sense
- 58 — Melodies (old cartoon series)
59 Stand-up comedy TV series
64 Ending for form
65 Wince
66 Pakistani's language
67 Like circles
71 Daniel Boone or Johnny Appleseed
76 Lustrous gem
79 Pushpin's kin
80 Jewel box for music
84 Color
85 Kia Sedona competitor
90 Mystery's Christie
94 Org. offering tows
95 Actor Morales
96 Sundae toppings
97 Florence institute near the Uffizi Gallery
100 New York Giants' div.
103 Gussied up
104 MGM's lion
105 Tree yielding chocolate
107 "QED" center
109 Eric the Red, for one
- 115 Alvin of choreography
119 Klutz
122 Pumped stuff
123 Flood stopper
124 All through the dark hours
130 Show sleepiness
131 Most promising
132 "Been there myself, man"
133 Really liking
134 Combination punches
135 Sends along
136 Org. associated with the nine missions featured in this puzzle

DOWN

- 1 Very big
2 Common typeface
3 "The Treasure of the Sierra —"
4 Flashy jewelry, informally
5 Mag staffers
6 "Skedaddle!"
7 Tastelessly showy
8 Sports venues
9 Suffix with sect
10 Illuminated
11 "Peek- —!"
12 Skillful and clever
13 JFK datum
14 Fall behind
15 Religious convert's cry
16 Anecdote
17 Atoll part
18 Wound result
19 Actor Danza
25 Soup additive, for short
27 Strikebreaker
32 Bar drink
33 Skedaddle
34 "— little teapot ..."
36 Shiba — (Japanese dog breed)
37 Virus, e.g.
40 A.D. part
41 False god
43 German "the"
44 Sundae topping
45 Sheer linen fabric
46 Greek mountain nymph
47 Use deep massage on
48 Blackhearted
49 Strauss of jeans
50 Sports venues
51 — double life
52 TV show since fall '75
55 Feng —
56 Old Ford make, in brief
60 Pinnacle
61 Those people
62 Kicks on football fields
63 Suffix with ball or bass
68 Spanish for "dry"
69 Lamarr of "Boom Town"
70 Esoteric
72 Camcorder button abbr.
73 Primitive kind of diet
74 Freezes
75 Creole veggie
76 Winner, informally
77 Foretell
78 Razz
81 Water, to Juanita
82 Mounts, as a gemstone
83 Formerly, formerly
86 "2001" computer
87 Train support
88 Harvard rival
89 Singer Gill
91 Golf peg
92 Melon variety
93 Golden — (senior)
98 Cavity fillers' org.
99 Mega years
101 Most preferred: Abbr.
102 Corkscrew
105 Baby bed
106 Analyzes in a lab
108 "TiK —" (#1 Kesha hit)
110 Stares at creepily
111 Enter, as to a database
112 An ex-Trump
113 Lizardlike amphibians
114 Port of Italy
115 "Hair" hairdo
116 Pumped stuff
117 Suffer defeat
118 Discharge
120 Leave — (reward the server)
121 World Cup gp.
125 GI tour gp.
126 Intersectors of aves.
127 French "the"
128 Vie for the affection of
129 "Sister Act" figure



See answers on page 22

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of Joshua (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From John 3, who asked "How can a man be born who is old"? Stephen, Nicodemus, Paul, Thomas
3. What notoriously wicked woman married King Ahab? Candace, Shiprah, Adah, Jezebel
4. From Esther 5, who was the wife of Haman of Persia? Naaman, Zeresh, Not named, Delilah
5. Where were Adam and Eve married? Heaven, Haran, Midian, Eden
6. Who wrote the most of the Psalms? Solomon, Moses, David, Micah

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the second-longest river in North America?
2. MOVIES: Which 1973 movie advertised itself as a place "where nothing can possibly go wrong"?
3. GAMES: Which party game claims that it can "tie you up in knots"?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the first to appoint an African American as a member of his Cabinet?
5. HISTORY: When was the Warsaw Pact between the Soviet Union and seven Eastern Bloc countries signed?
6. TELEVISION: Which TV game show often uses the phrase "Survey says...?"
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female peacock called?
8. FOOD & DRINK: How many meals do Hobbits eat in a day, according to the movies?
9. ADVERTISING: Which product used a manicurist named Madge in its advertisements?
10. MEDICAL: What is a common name for the condition called septicemia?

EVENTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Yellowhill Community Club Community Events for January

2023 at the Yellowhill Activity Center

* Jan. 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Gadugi Indoor Flea Market. Need 10 individuals to purchase table(s). One (1) table \$10 or two (2) for \$15

Contacts: Carmaleta 736-9392, Stephanie 735-9001, or Virginia 788-8659

MANNA Food Bank Community Market.

Jan. 19 from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Birdtown Gym. The event is free and open to all community members. Stop by for free grocery staples, produce, and other perishables. Bring bags if you can.

Cherokee Winter Social.

Jan. 28 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Birdtown Gym. Everyone is welcome. MC: Catcuze Tiger. Traditional dress and ribbon shirts/skirts encouraged. All Cherokee dance groups welcome. All Cherokee singers welcome. Bring your own rattles and drums. Food provided by Nikki's Frybread. Info: cherokeewintersocial@gmail.com

Annual Kituwah Celebration.

June 9 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Kituwah Mound. Celebrating the return of the Mother Town.

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

T.A.C.O. Tuesday.

Jan. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wolfstown Gym. Open to the public. Indigenous Women on Fire, in partnership with Jackson County Health Department and WNCAP, are having a free HepC/ HIV testing event. Anyone tested will get a free hot lunch – Indian Taco, drink and something sweet.

UPCOMING POW WOWS

Note: This list of pow wows was compiled by One Feather staff. The One Feather does not endorse any of these dances. It is simply a listing of ones occurring throughout the continent. Please call before traveling.

White Earth Nation's 2nd Annual Health & Wellness Round Dance.

Jan. 21 at Shooting Star Event Center in Mahnomen, Minn. MC: Dave Northbird. No contact information available

FIHA Thunder on the Beach Pow Wow.

Feb. 17-19 at Indian

River County Fairgrounds in Vero Beach, Fla. Host Northern Drum: Warpaint. Host Southern Drum: Ottertrail. Info: (772) 519-7888, info@FIHA.us, or www.FIHA.us

North Carolina School of Science and Math Pow Wow.

Feb. 4 in the Charles R. Elber Physical Education Center in Durham, N.C. MC: Kaya Littleturtle. Host Northern Drum: Red Clay. Host Southern Drum: Smokey River. Info: admissions@ncssm.edu or www.ncssm.edu/powwow

50th Anniversary Seminole Tribal Fair & Pow Wow.

Feb. 10-12 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Fla. Emcees: Juaquin Hamilton and Ruben Little Head. Info: 1-800-683-7800 ext. 11468, Wanda Bow-

ers (954) 444-9827, or Eugenia Osceola (786) 537-1905

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

Haywood Co. Arts Council (HCAC) featured artists' exhibit.

Jan. 18 to Feb. 27 at the Haywood County Arts Council 86 N Mail St, Waynesville, N.C. This specially-curated exhibit features 12 HCAC artist members who will have monthly features throughout 2023. Artists are chosen by opting into a drawing during membership renewal. The opening reception is on Feb. 3 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Info: www.haywoodartscouncil.org, (828) 452-0593

Library Hosts Family Night: Bad Art!

Jan. 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jackson County Public Li-

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers														
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Nicodemus, 3) Jezebel, 4) Zeresh, 5) Eden, 6) David

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

Answers

1. The Mississippi.
2. "Westworld."
3. Twister.
4. Lyndon Johnson.
5. 1955.
6. "Family Feud."
7. A peahen.
8. Seven.
9. Palmolive dishwashing liquid.
10. Blood poisoning.

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How do you say that in Cherokee?

Let's pray.
Hidadadolista

You pray.
Hadadolista

Note: These words are from the first book provided by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Kituwah Language Revitalization Initiative in 2019.

library community room. Enjoy a night of creative expression with “bad” art. This program is free and open to the public. This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Jackson County Public Library. Info: Library (828) 586-2016. The Jackson County Public Library is a member of Fontana Regional Library (www.fontanalib.org).

Seed Starting Demonstration at the Library. Jan. 21 at 10 a.m. in the Jackson County Public Library community room. Minda Daughtry, of the Jackson County Extension Agency, will discuss starting garden plants from seeds indoors. This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Jackson County Public Library. Info: Library (828) 586-2016 or email jcpl-adults@fontanalib.org. The Jackson County Public Library is

a member of Fontana Regional Library (www.fontanalib.org).

Pen and Wash Watercolor Class. Jan. 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center in Murphy, N.C. Class is suitable for adults. Two different paintings done in the pen and wash watercolor medium. Info: Barbara McMillan 557-5881, bcmillan0927@gmail.com or the Murphy Art Center 360-3038.

Indivisible Swain County meeting. Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda items to be discussed include evaluation of school board candidate’s information meeting, this year’s events, and setting priorities for 2023. All are welcome to join and share your

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Shutting people out to avoid distractions, even under a deadline, can cause hurt feelings. Instead, return calls and emails, and explain why you need a zone of privacy for now.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although your keen Bull’s eyes usually can discern what’s fact from what’s faux, that upcoming decision will need really solid data before you can risk a commitment.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) As your confidence grows, you should be able to work toward your goals with more enthusiasm. Open your mind to suggestions. Some of them might even work for you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reconnecting with someone from your past stirs up that old sense of adventure. But before you do anything else, be sure to get answers to any lingering questions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some people might resent the way you plan to resolve a difficult situation. But your commitment to making tough but fair decisions soon wins you their respect and support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Mixed signals could be causing that vexing workplace problem. Before you choose to leave the project, ask for a meeting so that you can get things out in the open.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your good intentions could backfire if you’re not careful with other people’s feelings. Try using persuasion, not pressure, to get others to see your side of the situation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your dedication to finishing the task at hand is laudable. But be careful not to overdo the midnight oil bit. Take time for relaxation with someone very special.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although your intuition will help you make some tough choices in the first half of the month, you’ll need more facts to back up your actions later on.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) All that hard work and research in the workplace finally pays off as you hoped it would. Ignore comments from jealous types who are out to get the Goat riled up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unfair decision creates unnecessary problems. But avoid anger and move carefully as you work this out. Expect to get support from an unlikely source.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A fuzzy financial vista persists until the end of the month, when things begin to clear up. You’ll also gain a better perspective on how to handle pesky personal problems.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful way of being there for those who need your help in difficult times.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Helping Veterans in 2023

Recently retired or unemployed, at loose ends and wondering what your next steps should be? If you’re looking for ways to help other veterans in your area, this year could be your most meaningful.

— Is anyone building homes for veterans in your area? Are any organizations ready to break ground and start building in the spring? Do you have construction, plumbing or electrical skills? Even if you don’t, there are jobs you can do to move the project along: reading blueprints and ordering materials, supervising deliveries, providing overnight security, painting walls and trim and much more.

As a place to start, ask if the Habitat for Humanity near you is building a home for a veteran. You might end up as a Habitat employee in charge of volunteer resources or running a Habitat ReStore full of building materials.

— Raise a service dog puppy. These little guys need to spend the first year of their lives in a loving environment to get them ready for their all-important service dog training. You’ll get the pup ready by teaching him initial basic commands, keeping him healthy and getting him socialized out in public. At every step of the way you’ll be giving the puppy what he’ll need to help a veteran with PTSD, a physical disability or mental trauma.

Look around online for organizations in your area that are raising and training service dogs for veterans.

— Volunteer on an Honor Flight. Keep an eye on the schedule in your area for the Honor Flights, those all-expenses-paid trips that take hundreds of veterans to Washington, D.C. They need volunteers for every trip to escort mostly elderly veterans to see all of their monuments and spend the day together. The 2023 schedule of trips will be up on the website in February (www.honorflight.org). Look for the map on the list of hubs around the country.

Is 2023 going to be your year to help yourself by stepping up to help other veterans?

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Emotional Support Animals Are a Lifelong Responsibility

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: I am wondering how I can get an emotional support animal. I noticed a woman in the local pharmacy today whose dog wore a harness with “ESA” printed on it. Is there an organization that supplies these animals to people who need them? — Curious in Daytona Beach

DEAR CURIOUS: You’ll find many websites offering ESA certifications or advice on getting an ESA prescription from your doctor. But there is no single organization for ESAs, and there is not one group I know of that supplies them on request (certainly, none that I would recommend).

At this time, the way to “get” an emotional support animal is to adopt or purchase a pet. You are solely responsible for the care and training of this animal — dog, cat, rabbit or bird. It’s part of your family. From there, you can designate your pet as an ESA by doing the following:

Ask your doctor or mental health professional for a letter stating that the presence of your pet is needed for your emotional health.

That’s it. That’s all that is needed to designate a pet as an ESA.

Now, keep in mind that an emotional support animal does not qualify for the same considerations as a service animal. While many stores allow ESAs on the premises (leashed and well-behaved), other businesses do not. Airlines will not accommodate them, for example.

The advantage of an ESA designation/prescription is in housing. Properties must waive pet restrictions and fees for owners of emotional support animals, under the Fair Housing Act.

The American Kennel Club has a more detailed article explaining the difference between ESAs and service animals here: www.akc.org/expert-advice/news/everything-about-emotional-support-animals.

Do you have an emotional support animal? Tell us about your experience at ask@pawscorner.com.

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concerns and ideas. For more information or to request the Zoom link, email maryherr2017@gmail.com or call 497-9498

Professional Organizer

Shannon Smith Helps Us

Declutter. Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. in the Jackson County Public Library community room. Shannon Smith will help everyone declutter. This program is free of charge. Please note this is a demonstration and not a workshop and no registration is required. This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Jackson County Public Library. Info: Library (828) 586-2016 or email jcpl-adults@fontanalib.org. The Jackson County Public Library is a member of Fontana Regional Library (www.fontanalib.org).

Presentation by Valerie Coleman entitled "How Rosenwald-Funded Schools helped change the education of African-Americans in the 19th Century". Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. in the Estelle Bennett Hughes Theater at the Funk Heritage Center in Waleska, Ga. Info: www.reinhardt.edu/funkheritage

Presentation by Liz Malone entitled "Life & Death in a Georgia Town: The Roots of Marietta, Ga." Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. in the Estelle Bennett Hughes Theater at the Funk Heritage Center in Waleska, Ga. Info: www.reinhardt.edu/funkheritage

Valentine Cork Wreath Class. Feb. 11 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center in Mur-

phy, N.C. This is a MACkey Mouse Art Club class suitable for kids. Students will make a cork wreath heart for hanging. Ages 10-15. Info: Dian McKelvey (404) 580-5740, dbmckelvey@gmail.com or the Murphy Art Center 360-3038.

Presentation by Brian Paley entitled "Unrepresented: White, Cherokee, and Enslaved Women". Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. in the Estelle Bennett Hughes Theater at the Funk Heritage Center in Waleska, Ga. Info: www.reinhardt.edu/funkheritage

Presentation by William Isom II entitled "Cherokee Slaveholders & East Tennessee". March 2 at 2 p.m. in the Estelle Bennett Hughes Theater at the Funk Heritage Center in Waleska, Ga. Info: www.reinhardt.edu/funkheritage

Making Clay Faces Class.

March 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Murphy Arts Center in Murphy, N.C. This is a MACkey Mouse Art Club class suitable for kids. Students will make, bake, and paint faces of clay and decorate to hang. Ages 7-17. Info:

Dianne Gardner (760) 974-6583, rosie091504@gmail.com or the Murphy Art Center 360-3038.

Cherokee High School and Teacher exhibit. May 3-29 at the Haywood County Arts Council 86 N Mail St, Waynesville, N.C. This specially curated exhibit, curated by Lori Reed, features work of Cherokee High School students and their teachers in celebration of the unveiling of the Cherokee-inspired and -designed mural on the HCAC's building back wall facing Wall Street. Info: www.haywoodartscouncil.org, (828) 452-0593

SUPPORT GROUPS

Cherokee Cancer Support Group

meets the first Thursday of each month at Betty's Place at 40 Goose Creek Road in the Birdtown Community. A potluck is held at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting is open to all. Betty's Place is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They provide counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

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theonefeather.com is a great resource for all EBCI-related links

See the "LINKS" button at theonefeather.com and see a listing of website links to various tribal entities and Cherokee-related businesses.



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PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY

*Appointment Hearing for Cherokee Cannabis Control Board
pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A*

Cherokee Cannabis Control Board appointment hearing for Noah Hicks

Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 9 a.m.
Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.



These hearings are open to the public, and Tribal Council invites public testimony only in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article III-A.
Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

Members of the general public who wish to participate in the hearing shall submit written testimony to the Tribal Council Chairman in care of the Tribal Operations Program: Attn: Kelly Sampson, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719. Written testimony shall be submitted to the Tribal Operations Program not less than five working days from the hearing date. Testimony shall not include personal matters pending in litigation.

**The final date for public comment will be
Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023**

PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY

*Appointment Hearing for Tribal Gaming Commission
pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A*

Tribal Gaming Commission appointment hearing for Robert Saunooke

Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 1 p.m.
Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.



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The One Feather is developing a list of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians artists and craftspeople to help get your name out there for potential buyers. If you would like to be included, please send your name, contact information (phone, email, etc.), and what mediums you are selling to: Scott at scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov or message us on our Facebook page.



IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.

On the September 2023 Tribal Election Ballot, along with electing your Tribal Council and Executive leadership, there will be three referendum questions for Tribal members to consider.

Are you in favor of term limits for Tribal Council seats? Term limiting is the process of limiting the number of times an incumbent may be re-elected, in this case consecutively.

Are you in favor of staggered terms for Tribal Council seats? Staggered terms would mean that only half of the seats, or one representative from each community would be elected in an election cycle, ensuring that one more experienced representative from each community would always be in office at the end of each election cycle.

Are you in favor of 4-year terms for Tribal Council seats? Currently, the seats are elected in two-year terms, causing incumbents to be in perpetual campaign mode, which could influence them to focus on short term deliverables instead of sustainable strategies. 4-year terms would help our leadership feel less pressure to make impulsive decisions and help them focus on long term benefits for the citizens of our Tribe.

Three simple yes or no answers from our Tribal community will guide the process of who and how representatives will serve in the most powerful seats in our government. It's up to you!



Open Call for Vendors Greening Up the Mountains Festival Sylva, NC • April 22, 2023

Artisans, Crafters, and Food and Beverage Vendors are invited to submit their application for the Greening Up the Mountains Festival to be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Greening Up The Mountains Festival is the premiere spring festival for Western North Carolina. The festival, sponsored by the Town of Sylva, will once again take place in historical downtown Sylva. This year's festival seeks artisans and crafters selling their own handmade products. Arts, Crafts, and Food Vendors from the expanded Appalachian area are encouraged to apply.

Please visit the festival's website, www.greeningupthemountains.com to review the 2023 Vendor Policies and download your application. Applications will be accepted through March 15, 2023. For more information, please email the event coordinator at greeningupthemountains@gmail.com.



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CLASSIFIEDS

If you have any land on the Qualla Boundary available for residential use and want to sell it, please call 828-736-1918. **1/25**

EMPLOYMENT

Data Entry Operator

Kituwah Services, LLC is accepting applications for Data Entry Operators to provide records management support at the Cherokee Court.

Please visit the KG3 Office at 1158 Seven Clans Lane to pick up full description and application or contact Maggie Toineeta, HR Manager at maggie.toineeta@kituwahG3.com or 828.604.8229. Tribal employment preferences apply. Open until filled. **1/25**

Office Assistant/Receptionist

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah, LLC Office located at the old Chestnut Tree Inn, between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday - Thursday or email Kristin Smith @ kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com This position will close January 20th, 2023 @ 4:00pm Indian preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of application. **1/18**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 22-131
In the Matter of the Estate of

SAMMY W. OWLE

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Tonya Yvonne Owle
783 MTN. Noble Rd.
Cherokee, NC 28719
2/1

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 23-001
In the Matter of the Estate of Kobe Gavin Toineeta

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Robert O. Saunooke
P.O. Box 309
Cherokee, NC 28719
2/1

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 22-127
In the Matter of the Estate of LIBBY HAMPTON

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or

before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Travis Teeters
9015 Big Cove Road #37
Cherokee, NC 28719
2/1

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

RFP for Sequoyah National Golf Course Hotel Project Manager

The Sequoyah National Golf Club LLC is seeking proposals from experienced Project Managers who can be responsible for all aspects of managing the construction of a 125-room hotel on the Sequoyah National Golf Course property. Respondents will be asked to address a detailed scope of the responsibilities of the Project Manager pursuant to the requirements as outlined in the Request for Proposal, which is available upon request.

For a detailed copy of the complete request, please contact: Vince Hyatt, Office of the Attorney General, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719
Phone: (828) 359-7434
Email: vinchyat@ebci-nsn.gov
The deadline for submitting proposals will be at 4:00 PM on January 30, 2023. **1/18**

**One Feather
deadline
Fridays at 12 p.m.**



**Cherokee Central Schools
Job Openings**

Apply online at
<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or
visit: www.ees-ne.org for more information.

Cherokee Central School is currently taking applications for employment for the following job opportunities, all jobs are open until filled unless otherwise indicated :

1. Middle School ISS Teacher Assistant
2. Middle School Full Time Permanent Substitute Teacher
3. Cultural Department Coordinator
4. 6-8 Special Education Alternative Teacher
5. K-5 Lifeskills Teacher Assistant
6. Middle School Science Teacher
7. Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher
8. 8 Hour Food Service Worker (Full Time w/ Benefits)
9. 6 Hour Food Service Worker (Full Time w/ Benefits)
10. 4 Hour Part Time Food Service
11. Elementary Teacher
12. Elementary School Counselor
13. Middle School Special Education Pathseekers Teacher
14. Math Teacher (High School)



Employment Opportunities

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee is seeking applicants for the following positions:

*****Signing Bonus up to \$2,500*****

- Senior Concierge for Front Desk and operations support – hospitality experience preferred
- Concierge for Front Desk – hospitality experience preferred
- Male Spa Host and Female Spa Host – no experience required

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High Voltage Distribution Specialist
Residence Manager
TC Analyst and Checkout Coordinator
Director of Development for University Projects
Recording Engineer
Investment Accountant

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Open Rank - Nutrition & Dietetics
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Tribal Employment Rights Office

756 Aquoni Rd, Cherokee, North Carolina.

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:45am-4:30pm

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If you have any questions or need more information about a specific opening, please contact Hillary Norville or Douglas McCoy at the email or telephone numbers below.

If you need a Job Bank Application, please email Hillary or Doug, or you may download the form from our website at this link: [WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – EB CI TERO \(ebci-tero.com\)](https://workforce-development-ebci-tero.com).

Hillary Norville – TERO Job Bank Coordinator
828.359.6422
hillnory@ebci-nsn.gov

Douglas McCoy – TERO Job Bank Coordinator
828.359.6478
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Local Job Openings for January 2023:

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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FINANCE:

Patient Access Specialist – Emergency Hire
\$17.12 - \$19.26

Customer Service Representative – Patient &
Referred Care \$19.66 - \$22.25

Grants Compliance Officer – Contracting
\$67,082 - \$83,852

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Master Level Therapist – Adult & Child
positions available **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus

Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety
\$44,107 - \$55,134

Targeted Case Manager – Women's Home
\$44,107 - \$55,134

Targeted Case Manager – Cherokee Central
Schools \$44,107 - \$55,134

Registered Nurse *Part Time Intermittent -
\$33.68 - \$38.72

Behavioral Health Consultant I - \$50,723 -
\$63,404 **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus

HUMAN RESOURCES

Training and Development Specialist \$50,723 -
\$63,404

HR Generalist \$50,723 - \$63,404

OPERATIONS

Physical Therapist II - \$77,144 - \$96,430

Laboratory Supervisor - \$31.03 - \$35.64

Clinical Pharmacist - \$102,023 - \$127,528

PGY2 Pharmacy Resident \$102,023 - \$127,528

Dentist – Satellite Clinics \$131,405 - \$164,256

Dental Assistant II \$18.32 - \$20.67

Optometrist - \$109,504 - \$136,880

DME Specialist - \$18.32 - \$20.67

MEDICAL

Advanced Practice Provider- Full time/

Part Time Intermittent - \$109,504 - \$136,880

Clinical Dietitian - \$50,723 - \$63,404

FNP/PA – ICC \$91,254 - \$114,067

Physician – Primary Care \$157,686 - \$197,108

Physician/Hospitalist - Inpatient – Full Time /

Part Time Regular - \$157,686 - \$197,108

NURSING

Acupuncturist - \$67,082 - \$83,852

Analenisgi Inpatient Registered Nurse – Part
Time Intermittent \$33.68 - \$38.72

Analenisgi Inpatient Tech - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Care Manager (IDD/TBI) – Primary Care \$31.06
-\$35.64

Licensed Practical Nurse – Immediate Care Center
- \$22.76 - \$25.89 **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus

Massage Therapist \$50,723 - \$63,404

Registered Nurse – Emergency Room \$33.68 -
\$38.72**\$5,000 Hiring Bonus

Registered Nurse - Inpatient - \$31.06 - \$35.64
**\$5,000 Hiring Bonus (Night shift)

Registered Nurse - Inpatient – Part Time
Intermittent \$31.06 - \$35.64

Registered Nurse – Satellite Clinic TJCC/BH -
\$31.06 - \$35.64**\$5,000 Hiring Bonus

Social Worker – Inpatient - \$44,107 - \$55,134

Telemetry Nursing Assistant – Inpatient - \$19.66
- \$22.25

TSALI CARE CENTER

Certified Nursing Assistant \$17.12 - \$19.26

\$3,000 Hiring Bonus

Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64 **\$5,000
Hiring Bonus**

Fiscal Coordinator - \$50,723 - \$63,404

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at (828) 497-9163 ext. 6343.

Are you an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee, residing or wish to reside in Buncombe County?

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Housing Division, in partnership with Dogwood Health Trust, can help!



The EBCI Cherokee Indian Housing Division is now able to assist enrolled members with Down Payment Assistance (DPA), Rate Buy Down (RBD) Funds and Foster Parent Renovation Loans.

Applicants are eligible for a maximum Down Payment Assistance of \$30,000 to be repayable over a five-year term after the mortgage is satisfied. This includes loans for either the purchase of an existing home or for new construction. If approved for DPA, borrower will automatically be awarded the RBD gift funds to purchase discount points to lower their interest rate.

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Please contact one of our friendly Homebuyer Services Coordinators for more information. We look forward to working with you and making your homeownership dream a reality!!!

Tina Larch-Rivera
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

PO Box 553
Cherokee, NC 28719
828-359-6388

Closing Sunday, January 22, 2023

1. Housing Intake Specialist – Housing Program – Housing (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)
2. Maintenance Supervisor – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Director – Information Technology – Office of Information Technology (L20 \$118,215 - \$157,620)
4. Family Safety Grants Coordinator – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
5. Housekeeper II – Snowbird/Cherokee County Housekeeping – Snowbird & Cherokee County (L7 \$15.60 - \$19.50 per hour)

Open Until Filled

1. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Evidence Technician – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
4. Bailiff – Cherokee Indian Police Department (Corrections) – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Probation Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department (Corrections) – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$39,806 - \$49,758) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. PT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
7. PT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
8. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15,300 - \$19.13 per hour)
9. Driver (Multiple) – Transit – Operations (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
10. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
11. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)
12. Real Estate Associate Attorney – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$72,342 - \$90,428)
13. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour)
14. Electrician Helper – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
15. Carpenter (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
16. Carpenter Helper (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
17. Maintenance Utility (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
18. Utility Worker/Operator Assistant – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L6 \$39,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
19. Lead Horticulture Technician – Natural Resources – Agriculture and Natural Resources (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
20. Legal Services Attorney – Legal Assistance Office – Office of the Attorney General (L16 \$64,389 - \$85,852)
21. Financial Analyst (Multiple) – Budget and Finance – Treasury (L15 \$57,682 - \$72,478)
22. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
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27. Supervisor (Regulatory Compliance) – Natural Resources – Agriculture & Natural Resources (L14 \$52,349 - \$65,437)

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